

Welcome to PCAccent. This newsletter is an adjunct, an "accent" if you will, to the PCA's Web site and the PENnant. The Board of Directors will use PCAccent to keep you informed about PCA news and happenings.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS NEWSLETTER! For comments or questions, send email to PCA President Rick Propas. To subscribe or unsubscribe, please send email to Membership Coordinator Kim Sosin. Email addresses for Rick and Kim can be found on the PCA's Web site:  
<http://www.pencollectors.com/>

If you have news that would benefit our members, please send an email to Deb Kinney - [kinney@law.duke.edu](mailto:kinney@law.duke.edu), the PCAccent Editor.

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\*\*\* Message from the President - Rick Propas \*\*\*  
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There is a tide in human events, and after several months of intense planning and activity, things are now moving quietly.

The annual elections saw three board incumbents returned to office, unopposed. While contested elections can be a sign of vigor in an organization such as ours they can also mark discord. We are grateful that members have seen fit to keep this board intact for another year. Two very positive notes, for the first time we offered electronic voting and the vast majority of those who cast ballots did so through this medium and the turnout, while modest, was much higher than in the recent past. Thank you. Congratulations to those newly reelected, = Joel Hamilton, Bill Hong and Kim Sosin. All have been key players in the new PCA.

Both the creation of an all new website and the building of the digital library are proceeding apace. Thanks to Barry Eckhouse of = Rhetormedia, our web designer, and to our own librarian, Dan Reppert, for that.

Finally, we would like to welcome another key player to the PCA team. Increasingly over the last few months, as we head into uncharted waters we have had need of legal advice and have turned to one of our members, Vance Koven for legal advice. After doing so several times, the board determined to ask Vance to serve as PCA counsel and he has agreed. Welcome to Vance and thanks.

As the holidays approach we all look forward not only to giving and getting pens, but reconnecting with family and friends. One way to do so is to start the holiday season early, as we do, by attending the general meeting of the PCA at the Ohio Pen Show. Join us there! In the meantime, be well, take care and keep in touch.

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\*\*\* Elections Update - Carla Mortensen \*\*\*  
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The election results are now in and counted. The three board members re-elected for three-year terms are: Joel Hamilton, Bill Hong, and Kim Sosin. New officers will be elected at the Ohio Show in November, and the new slate and constituted Board will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting there. Thanks to all who sent in their ballots. We hope that having an electronic voting process makes it easier for members to participate in the election process.

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\*\*\* PENnant News - Richard Jarvis \*\*\*  
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The next issue of The PENNANT is now at the printer and will be mailed in November, if all goes according to schedule. This issue will feature reviews of two important new books for pen collectors: Waterman Past and Present: The First Six Decades and Parker Vacumatic. Both of these books are sure to be of high interest to collectors and, as you'll discover in our review, they take very different approaches to their subject matter. We also continue our series on Diamond Point and we have a nice look at pen materials this month from Victor Chen. And, of course, we have pen show coverage aplenty with a feature on the Dallas Pen Show that is not to be missed! wordherder62@gmail.com

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\*\*\* Pens for Kids - Linda Bauer \*\*\*  
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The Pens for Kids program is looking for volunteers to lead workshops at pen shows next year. We're planning to present workshops at the shows in Los Angeles, Raleigh, Chicago, Washington D.C., Ohio, and maybe more. This is a great way to share our love of pens, handwriting, and pen collecting with the next generation. Plus, it's just plain fun! Presentations last about an hour. The PCA has prepared materials and a PowerPoint presentation that you can use as is or personalize, based on your own collecting interests. Please contact PFK Coordinator Linda Bauer (lbauer@prairienet.org) if you are interested.